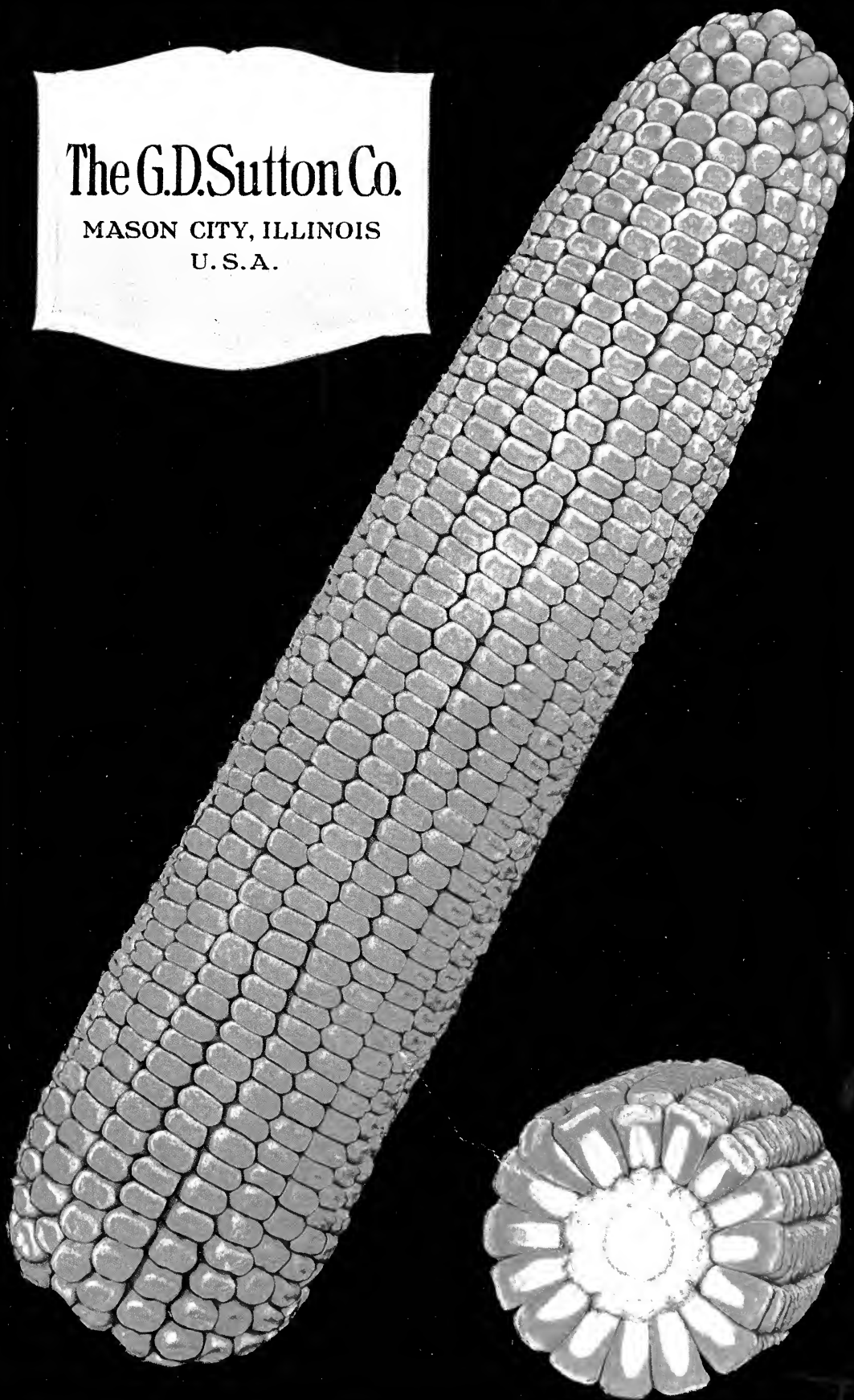


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The G.D.Sutton Co.

MASON CITY, ILLINOIS
U. S. A.



Grow More Corn

Read This Page—It Will Help You Grow More Corn

FIFTEEN strains of Reid's Yellow Dent were tested in one of our breeding plots last season. We figured the yields to a dry basis and found they varied from forty-seven bushels on the lowest yielding strain to seventy-two bushels per acre on the highest. We were further interested to learn that the highest strain average came from the composite sample of shelled seed corn out of a sack of last year's Regular Stock seed. We had many almost perfect ears in the plot and put in the composite sample of shelled seed as a check. It out-yielded them all.

This simply demonstrates the fact that it is the strain more than the variety that determines the yield and that no one ear holds all the requisites for high production, but that shelled seed from high-producing strains give the most bushels. Our aim is to supply seed from the highest yielding strains of the best varieties.

1919—Best Season in Years

The season of 1919 was one of the best years we ever had. Practically all of the legitimate seed corn firms complained of slow sales last year owing to the general good quality of corn. But, fortunately for us, we sold a lot of seed and had a splendid year's business. Our old customers, who order each year regardless of whether they have corn that will grow or not, the co-operation of County Farmer organizations and the good will of the County Advisors in Illinois, Iowa, and Missouri helped us do it.

The Farm Advisors in the Mississippi Valley are a splendid bunch of red-blooded Americans. They have brains, they have punch and they are doing things. May we have more of them.

The problem before the American farmer today is to make the two ears of corn grow where only one grew before. Land advancing from \$200 per acre to \$400 and even \$600 makes this a very necessary achievement.

Satisfied Customers

We have received hundreds of letters from our last year's customers telling us of their good success. We would like to publish all of them, but space forbids, so we use only the few that first came in. We cannot express to you in words how we appreciate your loyal patronage. We feel that we owe our success to you and that we are doing good work or you would not stand by us.

We control and are associated with the L. K. Ellsberry & Co., of Geneseo, Ill., and Nevada, Iowa. Mr. Ellsberry is an active member of THE G. D. SUTTON CO., and we have resident managers, Mr. F. O. Withrow and Mr. Howard Withrow, at the other two points. We are thus enabled to supply proper seed to practically any point in the corn belt. We grow every bushel of our seed corn under our personal supervision and are the largest exclusively seed corn firm in the world.

Send in your order at once or, better still, come visit us and see for yourself just what we are doing.

Yours very truly,

G. D. Sutton
L. K. Ellsberry
C. A. McHarry

The G. D. Sutton Co.

THE G. D. SUTTON CO., Mason City, Ill.

Largest Seed Corn Firm in the World

DATE LINE

Gentlemen—Please ship by.....About.....

FREIGHT OR EXPRESS

STATE ABOUT THE TIME YOU WANT CORN SHIPPED

the Seed Corn listed below. I enclose.....Dollars

Name.....	Amount Enclosed
Post Office.....	P. O. Order \$.....
Freight Station.....State.....	Check . . . \$.....
<small>IF DIFFERENT FROM P. O.</small>	Bank Draft \$.....
County.....R. F. D.....	Ex. M. Order \$.....
	Cash \$.....

REGULAR STOCK

.....(Sh.) bu. Imp. Reid's Y. D. at \$4.50.....
.....(Ear) bu. Imp. Reid's Y. D. at \$5.00.....
.....(Sh.) bu. Imp. Leaming.....at \$4.50.....
.....(Ear) bu. Imp. Leaming.....at \$5.00.....
.....(Sh.) bu. Imp. Boone Co.....at \$4.50.....
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.....(Sh.) bu. Sutton's W. Dent at \$4.50.....
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Total Amount \$.....

PICKED IN SACK, DRIED ON RACK

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Please write on back of this order sheet the names of a few farmers who might want Seed Corn.



Sutton's Improved Leaming

THIS is a big yielder and in our judgment the best ensilage corn grown. We are selling thousands of bushels of this famous corn to the dairy farmers of New York, Connecticut and Pennsylvania. It grows a good big ear of a rich orange yellow. Rather tapering ear, good big shank and heavy stalk and foliage. The fodder contains a large per cent of sugar, making it ideal for ensilage.

This corn is also a big yielder where grown for the market. One of the best standard yellow varieties and is popular with Illinois corn-growers owing to its high-yielding qualities. It matures in from one hundred to one hundred and twenty days, according to soil, location and season.

Rensselaer Co., N. Y., Oct., 1919

We had five hundred bushels of your Improved Leaming corn last year and will want eight hundred next year. This is pretty good proof that your corn is satisfactory.

H. W. Gordinier & Sons Co.

See Price List on Page 6.

Monticello, Ill., Oct. 13, 1919

The seed corn which I received from you last spring was first grade. I would recommend your seed to anyone.

John Remmers

White Hall, Ill., Oct. 14, 1919

Have been using your seed corn for several years and each year it has proved to be exceptionally good and this is reason that I will not buy from any other firm or try to save seed my own fields.

F. E. Baker

Youngstown, Ill., Oct. 14, 1919

Last year I bought some Leaming corn of you. I planted about 60 acres and wish to tell you that I believe it the best corn on the market.

Leo J. Shawler

Glendale, Ohio, Oct. 14, 1919

The seed corn purchased from you last spring was very good. It ripened in good time, and every ear was sound and nice.

H. B. Hark



"Picked in a Sack, Dried on a Rack" Department

WE originated the scheme of picking corn in sacks early in the fall and hanging each ear on a wire hanger on a big scale. Many farmers had done this in a small way, but we started with a 5,000-bushel capacity and now have 8,000-bushel capacity at Mason City alone. This is a very expensive proposition, but it gives ideal seed. The shrinkage is great, the labor cost is high, so that it is necessary to charge 50 cents a bushel more for this seed. We have our hangers full of this Early Picked seed. One room, 36 by 50 feet, with 10-foot hangers, another room 8 by 130 feet, with 10-foot hangers, another room 20 by 36 feet, with 9-foot hangers, and still another room 40 by 50 feet, with 10-foot hangers. This is the Mason City plant alone. Is not that some capacity? And we believe it a good thing for the farmer. While we guarantee our Regular Stock just as strongly as the Early Picked, yet we have to admit that the Early Picked is ideal.

Remember each ear is hand-butted and tipped and then shelled and graded for the edge-drop planter. We have a limited amount of seed grown in 1918 that is extra good. We will sell this at same price as new seed as long as it lasts. If you care for this seed mention it when you order.

Sutton's Improved Reid's Yellow Dent



WE think this the best strain of Reid's Yellow Dent grown today. It is reasonably early and is an immense yielder. We have tested this corn out in same field with a dozen different strains of Reid and found it out-yielded them all. It is a great corn. Good big ear, lemon color, medium shank, good stalk, does not blow down easily like so many strains of Reid, cob red and medium size. Medium early, out of the way of frost, in from ninety-five to one hundred and ten days, according to location, soil and season. It's a world-beater.

Reid's Yellow Dent originated sixteen miles from Mason City, Ill. We have increased the yield very materially over the original.

There is more Reid corn grown than any other one variety. It has taken more premiums at corn shows than all other varieties combined. We have worked on this variety in our breeding plots for twenty years. We have bred for yield rather than for show. The slightly rough to medium smooth has proven to be the best yielder.

Send us your order for our high-yielding Improved Reid—it will make you money.

See Price List on Page 6.

Macon, Mo., Oct., 13, 1919
I am well pleased with the seed you shipped me last spring. It is one of the heaviest yielders of my early variety this season.

H. H. Coly
Secretary, The Ten Mile Farmers' Club

Lathrop, Mo., Oct. 20, 1919
In regard to the seed corn purchased of you last spring, it gave me good results—fine stand and a good crop of matured corn. I am well satisfied with both the Reid and Western Plowman.

E. D. Rogers

Windsor, Ill., Oct., 1919
The corn proved out all O. K.

H. G. Storm

Audrian Co., Mo., Oct. 1, 1919
Your seed corn was excellent. No complaints at all and a fine stand.

Wm. Pollock Mill & Elev. Co.

Sullivan, Ill., Oct., 1919
Am well pleased with the seed corn; also as to the yield.
Elmer Selock

Gillmore, Mo., Oct. 13, 1919
The seed corn we bought of you last spring was all O. K.
Henry Kersting and Sons

O'Fallon, Mo., Oct. 16, 1919
It is some pleasure to inform you that the eight bushels of seed corn bought of you made a fine stand of corn and I believe that every grain came up and grew strong.
Geo. M. Dyer

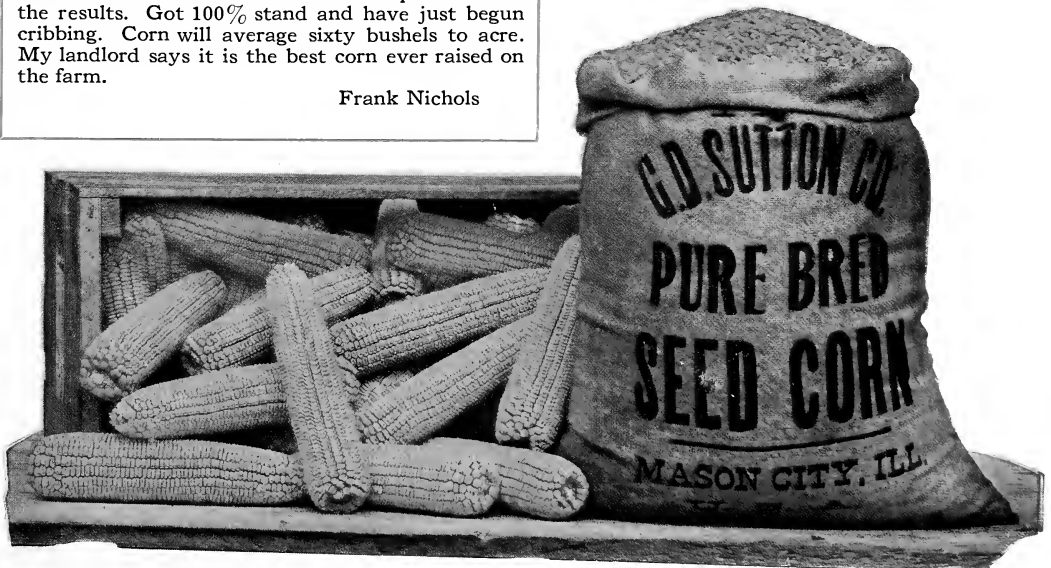
Winchester, Ky., Oct., 1919
The seed corn bought from you last spring was perfect in germination, and I like the varieties. We grew a fair crop, notwithstanding the dry season.

Nelson P. Gay

Tuscola, Ill., Oct. 11, 1919
All the seed purchased from you gave entire satisfaction. The germination was good and yield all that could be expected for the kind of season we had.
Hitch-Rose Grain Co.

Sullivan, Ill., Oct., 1919
I sent to your Seed House last spring for ten bushels of seed, eight of Reid's Yellow Dent and two of White Dent. I am more than pleased with the results. Got 100% stand and have just begun cribbing. Corn will average sixty bushels to acre. My landlord says it is the best corn ever raised on the farm.

Frank Nichols



Sutton's Improved Reid's Yellow Dent

Price List for 1920

Below are the prices on all varieties listed in this catalogue.

One ear.....	50 cents postpaid
One peck.....	\$1.50
One half bushel.....	2.50
One bushel to any amount.....	per bushel, sacks free 4.50
Ear corn, in bushel crates.....	per bushel 5.00
Picked in a Sack—dried on a Rack seed.....	per bushel, shelled 5.00
Picked in a Sack—dried on a Rack seed.....	per bushel, in ear 5.50

No order for less than one bushel accepted in ear.

Parcel Post Convenience

Have your shipments of one bushel or less sent by Parcel Post and have the corn delivered at your door. The rates are as follows:

One peck shelled corn.....	First and Second Zone 18c	Third Zone 33c
One half bushel shelled corn.....	First and Second Zone 33c	Third Zone 62c
One bushel shelled corn.....	First and Second Zone 62c	Third Zone \$1.21

We can reach most of Illinois in First and Second zones.

Often the rate is cheaper than freight or express.

Always include the Parcel Post postage in your order or we will have to send corn C. O. D., which makes an additional charge of 10 cents. We accept stamps on orders of \$1.00 or less.

Write Name and Address Plainly on Order Blank Terms—Cash with Each Order

Order today—can ship now or later as you wish. All shelled seed butted and tipped and graded for drop-edge planter.

The Sutton Guarantee

WE guarantee our corn to be pure bred and as free from foreign pollination as possible, perfectly matured, and of highest germinating powers, and we guarantee it to go out in first-class condition, as we carefully examine each ear. If any seed is received from us which is not satisfactory in every respect, it may be returned at our expense and money will be refunded. All corn may be kept *ten* days and tested in any manner and, if for any reason it is not satisfactory, it may be returned and money refunded; under no circumstances will we refund any money or receive corn back that has been kept longer than ten days. We can't and won't be responsible for corn in a thousand different hands for longer than ten days. If it is good, then it is up to the customer to keep it good. We will not be responsible for a crop, either. There are many reasons for crop failure. We guarantee the seed to be good; that is all we can do. **WE DO NOT GUARANTEE ANY CORN TO MATURE AT A CERTAIN TIME**, as the season and location changes the time of maturing to such a great extent. We give you our best judgment as to time of maturing, also letters from our customers.

What Our Bankers Say

To Whom It May Concern:

Mason City, Ill., Jan. 8, 1919

We have personally known G. D. Sutton, C. A. McHarry and L. K. Ellsberry, of our city, for years, and cheerfully recommend them to all, as being honest and reliable in all respects, and we believe that they will sustain any statement they make in their seed catalogue.

FRED W. BUEHRIG, Cashier,
Central Illinois Bank

JOHN FREEMAN, President,
Farmer's State Bank

Western Plowman



WESTERN PLOWMAN is the wonder corn of northern and north central Illinois. It was originated about twenty years ago by Mr. William Green and Mr. William Webb of Will County, Illinois. Mr. Webb changed the name of his strain, but Mr. Green continued to breed WESTERN PLOWMAN until he moved to Iowa, when he turned his breeding plot seed over to the Soil Improvement Association of DeKalb County and it is from them that we secured our start of this valuable variety.

"This splendid variety of yellow corn has averaged from 3.7 bushels to 19 bushels more per acre than any other variety for a six-year average on the 40-acre field conducted by the Illinois Experiment Station just south of the city limits of DeKalb."

It matures earlier than the average corn grown in this latitude. Shells out with a very high percentage of grain and is one of the coming corns of the latitude.

We have the pure strain. We have a limited quantity of this variety, grown from Northern seed.

See Price List on Page 6.

Old Customers Build Up Our Business

Philadelphia, Mo., Oct., 1919

Will say your seed corn is always high in germination and when seasonable, always look for a perfect stand and good yield. *Have been buying seed corn from you for the past thirteen years* and have never had a complaint to make, the only seed house that I ever had any dealings with for seed corn, for Sutton's always furnish the best and no use to make a change.

A. W. Gregory

Sullivan, Ill., Oct. 15, 1919

I received your seed corn all right and I believe I would be safe in saying almost every grain came up all right. *I have bought seed corn of you thirteen years and hope to get as many more.*

Wm. Scott

Tuscola, Ill., Oct., 1919

Have been buying seed corn from you for *fifteen years* and have never had a failure from your seed and will buy again for next year.

John Hanson

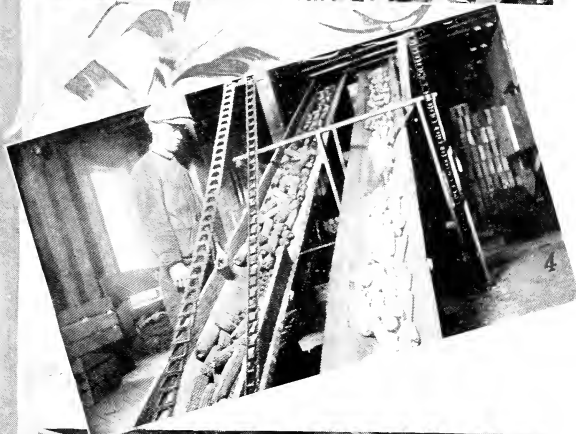
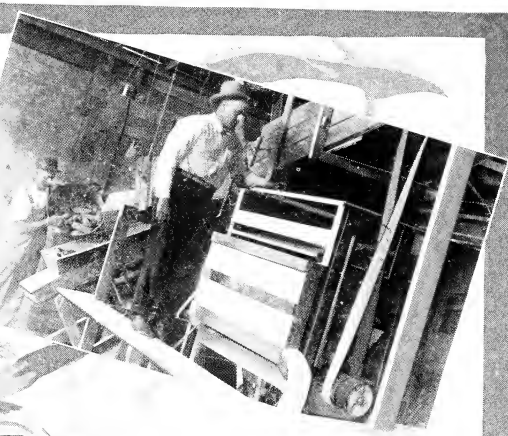
Mt. Auburn, Ill., Oct., 1919

I have used Sutton's seed corn for the past six years and find it to be as they represent it. And I also find them to be an honest firm in their dealings. I expect to order more seed for 1920.

R. A. Montgomery



Three Ears on Left Are Kelly Corn, Three on Right and One in Front Are Western Plowman



1. Shelling and grading.
2. Men at separate tables working out seed corn. Each ear examined. All done by hand.
3. One of four sorting tables where corn from fields is rough sorted. Can handle 100 loads per day at this time.
4. Seed corn passing from sorting tables to drying vaults.
5. Ready to ship to you.

Florence, Colo., Oct. 13, 1919

The corn turned out fine. Do not know the yield. We will want some more for next year.
Rainbow Park Land Co.

Bowling Green, Mo., Oct. 1, 1919

We had splendid results from the seed corn purchased from you. The stand was perfect and the yield will be good.

Biggs & Biggs

Mound City, Mo., Oct. 20, 1919

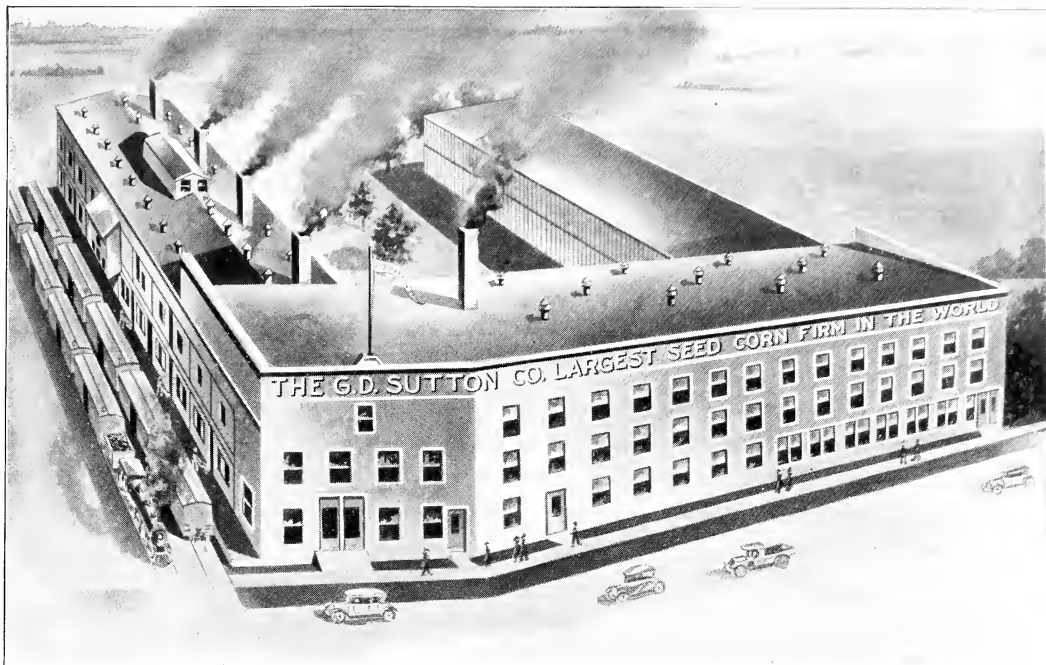
The Kelly, Reid and Silver King seed corn I got of you last spring grew nicely, and is making a good yield. I am especially pleased with the early white corn I received from you. The germination on all the corn was near 100%.

Hugh M. Cottier

Howard Co., Mo., Oct., 1919

The 600 bushels of seed corn we sold for you gave complete satisfaction. It made you, as well as ourselves, many friends. We now have a fine grade of corn in our surrounding country. Farmers are acquainted with you and you no doubt will hear from them again.

Farmers' Produce Co.



The building above is one of our large storing and drying plants at Mason City, Ill. This house has a capacity of sixty thousand bushels of corn.

Notice the ventilators on the roof that carry off the moisture from the corn, and the chimneys that take care of the batteries of furnaces in the basement.

We are well equipped to take care of our seed corn. That is one reason why it gives universal satisfaction.

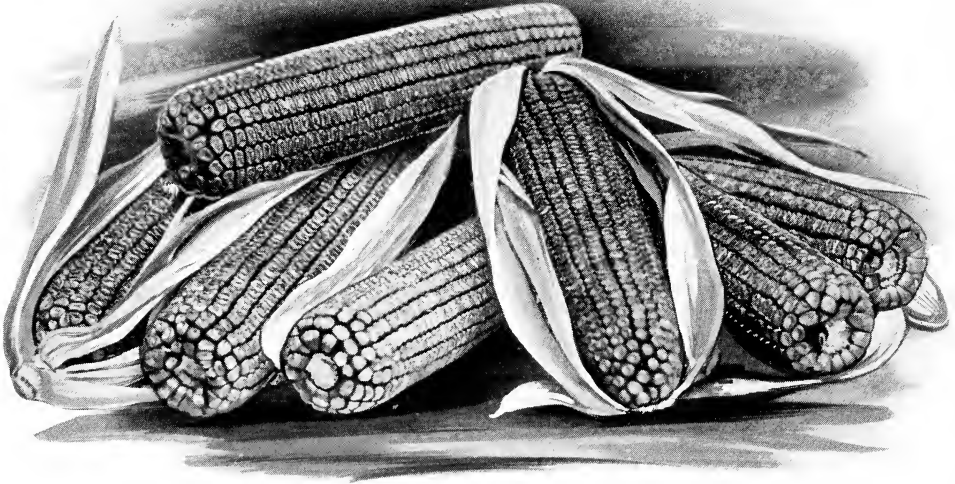
Breeding Block

The G.D. Sutton Co. **CORN REGISTER**
Seed Bank, Mason City, Ill. **OF EARS PLANTED AND SEED HARVESTED**
Suttons **IN SEASON OF 1918**

DESCRIPTION OF THE FIELDS USED											
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
27	48	56	10	1	5	12					
28	111	97	15	3	12	37					
29	131	39	16	5	12	21					
30	136	41	17	5	12	20					
31	146	48	18	10	15	29					
32	146	49	19	11	15	28					
33	145	52	20	1	15	27					

Husking out breeding block—each row weighed separately—ear to row method.

Griffith's Early Dent



THE splendid Early Dent is very similar in appearance to Reid, but two weeks earlier. It is a good yielder and just the variety to grow for early corn. Ears are from seven to ten inches and very solid. Will give forty to seventy bushels yield, according to the soil.

We can't recommend this corn too highly for an early variety, anywhere in the corn belt. Just the corn to plant for early hog feed. It is also a good ensilage corn for northern Illinois and southern Wisconsin. Seed taken from here to southern Wisconsin for ensilage will give big tonnage. In the South this corn will make itself before the dry weather sets in. Germination is perfect.

See Price List on Page 6.

How We Grow and Take Care of Our Seed Corn

Our company owns and controls a thousand acres of land within hauling distance of Mason City. In addition to this we make contracts with the best farmers to grow seed corn for us. It takes several thousand acres of land to grow our corn, as we practice the four-year rotation, so only about one-third of the land is in corn.

We do all our own breeding on isolated plots of from two to five acres. Seed for our general fields is selected from these plots.

All seed for every acre of corn grown for us is selected by us and then gotten ready for the planter so that we know exactly what it is.

We always put out double the acreage we will need so that we have a range of two to five miles around Mason City. Should one section be injured, we have other territory to draw from. This gives us a big advantage over firms who have to grow their seed in one neighborhood.

Our soil is a sandy loam—the best soil for maturing seed corn. Forty years ago Mason County Yellow and Mason County White were quoted on Chicago Board of Trade, owing to their superior quality.

All members of the firm are members of the Illinois Corn Breeders Association, and Mr. Ellsberry is Secretary. We merely mention this to show you that we are honestly trying to grow better corn.

Our tests seem to prove that medium smooth, or rather, only slightly rough types, are better yielders than the rough types. We have placed the slightly rough dented or

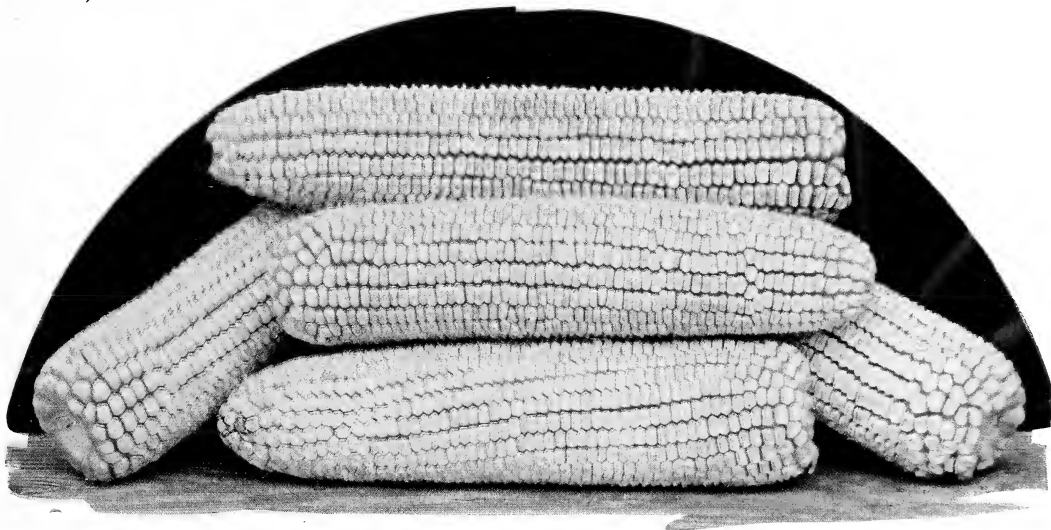
what we call medium smooth type in competition with the rough types in same plot and in husking each row separately found the smoother type of corn out-yielded the rough thirty to sixty pounds in rows ninety-six hills long.

A good seed bed is absolutely essential in growing a big corn crop. If you have good soil, a good seed bed, then plant the highest yielding corn and you are bound to get big returns unless the season is all against you. Good insurance against a corn crop failure is to buy your high-yielding seed of the corn breeders who are equipped to take care of it properly. You thus eliminate the hazard of a poor stand and barren stalks.

Changing seed is a big help in the yield. Seed from our sandy loam gives extra good returns on clay or black soil.

Sutton's White Dent

WE originated this splendid corn. In type it resembles Reid, only of course it is white. We desired a white corn with Reid characteristics. Our White Dent is such a corn. Early and an immense yielder. The most popular white corn we grow. Sales increase each year. Most popular white variety grown here at home. Ears are uniform and heavy. Good stalk, splendid drought resister—a dry-weather corn. We cannot recommend this corn too highly. Has class and grows lots of bushels. Gets out of the way of frost in from one hundred to one hundred and ten days, according to soil, location and season.



Sutton's White Dent

We recommend White Dent for big yields anywhere in the corn belt south of Peoria, Ill., and especially in the South—Oklahoma, Arkansas, southern Missouri and Kentucky, and Tennessee, where they have a long growing season, as it withstands extremes and often gives double yields over other varieties in these sections. Place your order now. Germination in all our varieties is practically perfect.

See Price List on Page 6.

Winchester, Ky., Oct., 1919

I bought about 75 bu. of seed corn of you and found it to be the very best in germination and yield and I am very well satisfied.

W. C. Taylor

Lafayette Co., Mo., Oct., 1919

We had no complaint whatever as to the germination of your corn and when there is no complaint you can rest assured that it gives perfect satisfaction.

Eagle Mill & Elev. Co.

Marion, Ind., Oct., 1919

I have bought seed corn from you a number of times and have been more than pleased with it. Success to you.

Julius Stallings

Jefferson Co., Mo., Oct., 1919

The seed corn I ordered from you for 17 farmers was entirely satisfactory. Got good stands of good strong corn and they now have good crops. All are well satisfied.

Geo. V. Welch

Rushville, Mo., Oct., 1919

The seed corn purchased from you last spring was satisfactory. The germination was good and I have some fine corn. The dry weather affected it some, but will have a good yield, however.

J. S. Keller

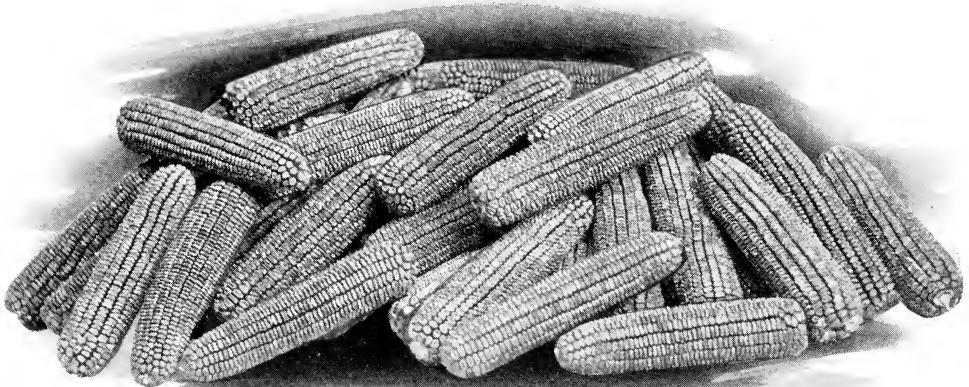
Howard Co., Mo. Oct., 1919

All report first-class results.

Fayette Mill & Merc. Co.

Sutton's No. 9

(Early Yellow)



FOR several years we have been experimenting to secure an Early Yellow which would give a large yield and yet mature early. We have such a corn in the Sutton's No. 9 (Early Yellow). This corn is a slowly tapering ear of medium length; kernels very deep, and a deep yellow or golden color. A rough dent corn with fourteen to eighteen rows and wide space between rows. The cob is very small and, with the deep kernels, this makes the highest shelling percentage of any corn we know. In our experiments this corn has shown remarkably good yields and will mature in ninety to one hundred days.

We can recommend this corn to any one wanting early maturity, as yield is equal to any standard variety.

See Price List on Page 6.

Bertrand, Mo., Oct., 1919

The seed corn bought of you was fine and I got a splendid stand. I shall want more seed next year.

H. D. Greer

Ambia, Ind., Oct., 1919

Received your letter and am glad to say the seed corn was all O. K. I like it much better than the Yellow Dent. Will plant all Western Plowman next year. It matures earlier than any I have ever planted. Will make about 60 bu. per acre this year. With favorable season I believe it would make 75 bu. per acre. Wishing you success I am,

Benj. Stephen

Clinton, Ind., Oct., 1919

I got a splendid stand of corn. Would have been almost perfect had the moles let it alone. My Reid's Yellow Dent was plenty dry to shuck the middle of this month. I think I shall order some white seed corn for spring.

H. Clay Eaton

Battle Ground, Ind., Oct., 1919

The seed corn was entirely satisfactory. It will husk out 65 bu. per acre of excellent quality, long grain, small cob and filled perfectly at both ends. It matured very early—10 days earlier than the corn we have been raising for 2 or 3 years.

J. T. Van Natta

New Hartford, Mo., Oct., 1919

I am well pleased to state that the seed corn which I purchased of you last spring gave me most excellent results. It was highly satisfactory in every particular. The stand was good and the formation of the ears the most perfect of any corn I ever produced.

J. H. Motley

ILLINOIS CORN BREEDERS ASSOCIATION MEETS IN MASON CITY THIS YEAR.

The Illinois Corn Breeders Association, the leading organization of this kind in the United States, will hold its annual convention in Mason City this year some time in January.

Mr. L. K. Ellsberry of the G. D. Sutton Co. is Secretary. We will be glad to welcome Illinois expert corn growers to Mason City, the center of the seed corn industry of the United States.—*Banner-Times, Oct. 23, 1919*

Tazewell Co., Ill., Oct., 1919

We have handled your seed corn for a number of years and can say that it has given almost perfect satisfaction, both as to the germination and yield. We have had no complaints at all.

It might be of interest to you to know that on *October 14th* we shipped a car of new corn, "*Sutton's Early No. 9*," to the Peoria market and it graded No. 3, small fraction over 17% moisture, and the yield was 60 bushels to the acre. Usually in this locality, we do not expect our new corn to grade No. 3 before the first of December.

McDonald Grain & Coal Co.

Sutton's Iowa Silvermine

THIS is the highest yielding of the standard early white varieties. It is a popular corn all over the corn belt. Iowa and northern Illinois grow it because it matures early. The South grows it where they want corn to mature quickly, before the drought sets in. We have the very best strain of this famous corn. It seems to withstand dry weather—giving good yields where other medium early varieties are injured.

Silvermine is a deep grained corn, ears from nine to eleven inches—pure white and medium rough. Good leafy stalk, making it a splendid corn in hot climate where droughts are frequent.

We recommend this variety to any farmer in the corn belt who wants an early variety that will grow a heavy yield, as it is adapted to the corn belt and to all the Southern States. Silvermine can be grown over a wider territory than any other standard white variety. Matures in from ninety-five to one hundred and five days, according to soil, location and season.

See Price List on Page 6.

Each Ear Examined and Butted and Tipped by Hand

We are very careful in getting our seed out. Each one of our men works at a table by himself—he examines each ear and uses a jack knife and a cob in the old-fashioned way. We tip and butt our corn by hand—we do not do it by machinery. We will not get out poorer seed in order to save money on labor. Our ear corn is examined one ear at a time, and several grains taken out and examined with a knife. Our shelled seed is examined in the same way and then butted and tipped by hand. We do not butt and tip by machinery, but by hand, so that bad corn may be detected more easily. Send your order today.



Sutton's Iowa Silvermine

Our Complete Drying System



WE begin picking in the fields very early, long before corn will do to crib. This Picked in a Sack, Dried on a Rack seed is hauled to seed house and each ear hung on a wire hanger, and very little heat is required to dry it. Our regular stock of corn is husked and hauled direct to the seed house, where it is sorted and placed in drying vaults with slatted floors and air shafts running along floor and, every few feet, vertically through the corn. Large hot-air furnaces discharge heat through big pipes directly under the corn, but not in it. This dry, warm air percolates through the corn and passes out through ventilators in the roof. This assures high germination, as the moisture is reduced to 12% and none of the corn is exposed to freezing weather. This is the only safe way to handle seed corn and be assured of strong vitality. We hand butt and tip all seed before shelling and grading.

We Pay Your Railroad Fare and Other Expenses If You Visit Us

We will pay railroad fare and all other expenses to any one not farther away than fifty miles who comes to us and purchases fifty bushels of seed corn, either ear or shelled, or we will pay all his expenses if he comes and doesn't buy and finds that we have misrepresented our corn or method of keeping it. Several neighbors can club together and send some live, responsible man who can personally see just what we have and how we keep it. If you live farther from us than fifty miles, we will pay that part of expenses on same condition as above.

It is worth one's while to visit a large seed corn plant. A person not familiar with the drying and selecting of seed corn on a large scale has no conception of the expense and labor attached to it. The visitor is also surprised at the careful and scientific methods used in selecting and preparing the seed. Hundreds of customers visit our plant expecting to purchase ear seed and after going through and seeing for themselves, will have nothing but the shelled seed. We formerly sold our ear seed first. Now we sell our shelled seed first.

Every year now we have to uncrate, butt, tip and shell a lot of our crate corn, as our customers said they wanted their seed ready for the planter. The reason—we deliver the goods.

Why Ear Corn Costs 50c More Than Shelled

We are asked this question quite often. Wooden crates cost now 45 cents per bushel. It requires more careful handling for crate corn as the butts and tips shell easily when corn is dry. Then it costs more in labor to crate than shell, also we give seventy pounds of ear corn per bushel, and it overruns from three to six pounds of corn. We can shell and make money on this saving as 56 pounds is a bushel of shelled corn.

The shelled seed is better in many ways that the ear and for that reason we now sell ten bushels shelled to one bushel in the ear. By actual test hundreds of our customers have found this out. Years ago we sold our crate corn first, now we sell out of shelled seed first, and have for several years. We guarantee our shelled seed just as highly as the ear and believe it is a trifle stronger in germination for this reason. The big green ears that come in in the fall do not shell off and, when dry, they look fine and so go to the crates. Now the fact of the matter is they are the poorest seed ears of the lot. Having a tendency to be late and not so strong in germination, while the earliest matured ears shatter more or less, look ragged, so are butted and tipped for the shelled seed.

We will sell any one from 2 to 100 bushels of seed corn, half shelled and half ear, if he gets a better stand, a better type or a better yield, everything else being equal, from the ear than he does from the shelled seed, we will refund all his money at husking time.

One bushel of seed corn will produce from 400 to 800 bushels of corn.
Can you afford to plant poor seed?

Sutton's Improved Boone County White



OUR Improved Boone County White is the same strain as Johnson County White. In fact we secured our first seed of this variety from the originator of Johnson County White.

We call it Improved Boone County White as that is what it is. This is a great corn and as a yielder has no superior.

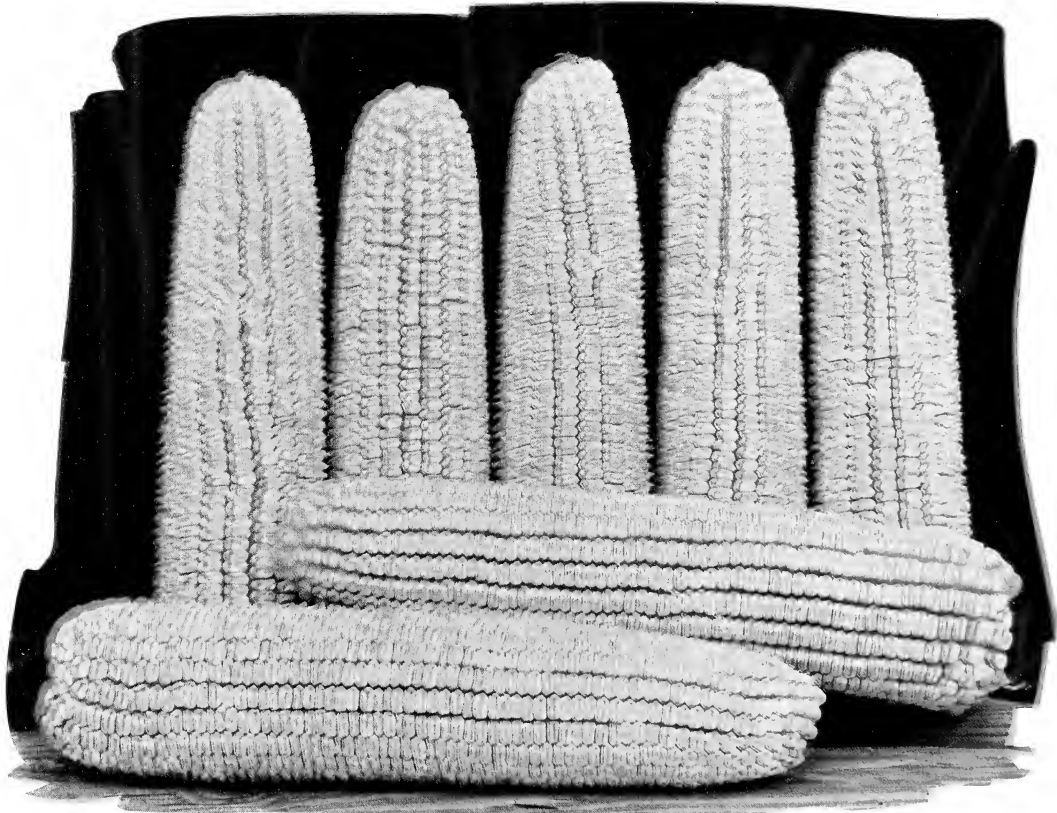
In the central corn belt, where the season is long enough to mature this corn, it is very popular. It has in many instances made over 100 bushels per acre. Big uniform ears—good stalk—heavy foliage—stands dry weather, out of the way of the frost in from one hundred and ten to one hundred and twenty days, according to soil, location and season.

We recommend this corn to farmers in Illinois from latitude 40, south, and to the southern states where a long season enables this corn to develop to its fullest. We know this corn made over 100 bushels per acre as far south as Vicksburg, Miss. Its immense foliage and slow maturity gives it an advantage over earlier varieties in making big yields. Improved Boone County has taken more premiums than any other white variety as its symmetrical ears make it a show corn. Order today. Germination practically perfect.

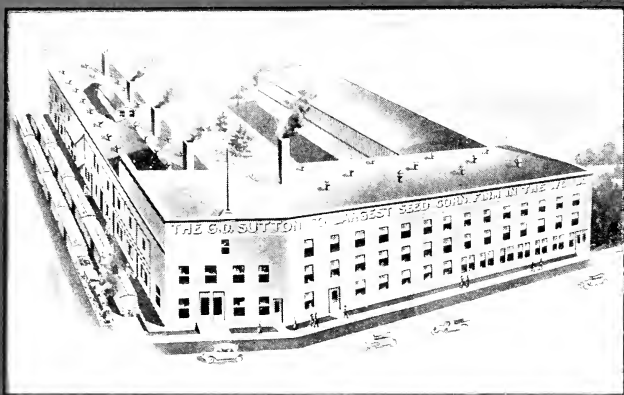
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It Pays to Use High-Bred, High-Yielding Seed

Ears selected from the highest yielding rows in "Ear to Row" plats. These ears, planted in competition in "Ear to Row" plats the next season, and this kept up for years, surely will develop the best there is in a strain of corn. We have done this for twenty years, so that we feel that we can claim to have bred corn for high yields. We have had to "back track" by getting corn so large it wouldn't mature. But our varieties we have now will mature and grow the maximum amount of corn. We also have worked to eliminate barren stalks. Our varieties are as free from this evil as is possible at this time. We hope to overcome this entirely. The State University and United States Department of Agriculture are getting a lot of data on this evil, which, we hope, will show us how to eliminate it.

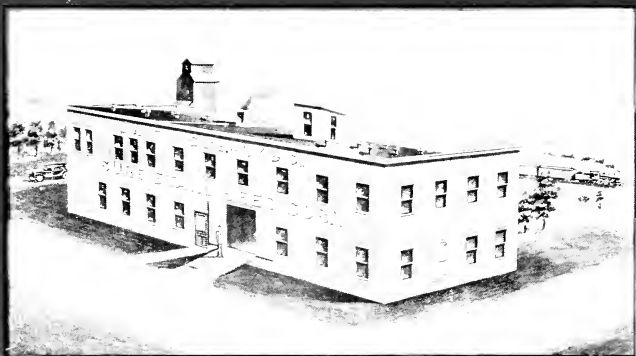
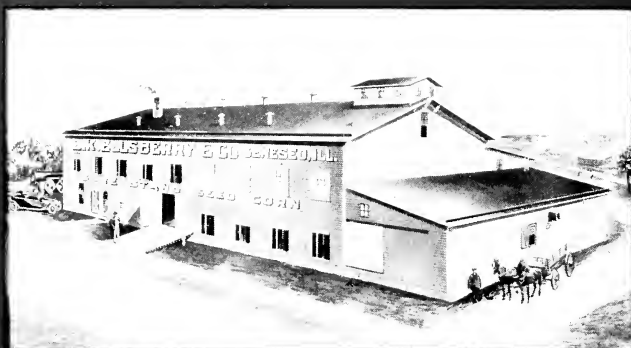


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OUR Mason City, Ill. plant has a capacity of sixty thousand bushels of corn and is modern in every detail.

OUR Geneseo, Ill. plant is another proof of our superior equipment. We dry our corn slowly and test it very carefully.



Scientifically built to handle nothing but seed corn, our Nevada, Ill. plant is a model of efficiency.

From a small beginning we have grown to be the largest seed corn firm in the World.
SUTTON'S CORN GROWS

